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 For: MOTOR VEHICLE ROOF WITH A COVER WHICH)
 CAN BE MOVED TO THE REAR OVER THE ROOF SKIN) Date: August 27, 2003

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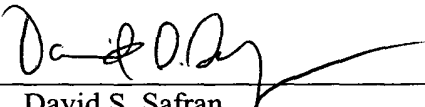
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